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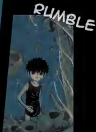
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THE LION'S DEN (3)

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HEY...

KID, WAKE UP...





I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
A SPARTAN
SOLDIER.



I WAS ON
MY WAY BACK
WITH THE BABY
AND SAW YOU
I MISTOOK YOU
FOR A CHILD
SOLDIER...

THUD



WHERE
AM I?



IT'S MY
HOUSE.

AND THIS
IS HELOT'S
VILLAGE.



SPARTANS
THROW BABIES
OFF CLIFFS TO SEE
WHETHER THEY'RE STRONG
ENOUGH TO BECOME
A WARRIOR OR NOT.



AND THE MERCIFUL
BOO SOMETIMES LETS
A FEW OF THEM LIVE.



WE PICK UP
THOSE BABIES
AND RAISE THEM.



IN THIS VILLAGE,
WE DON'T HAVE MANY KIDS.
LIFE HERE IS SO HARD THAT
MISCARRIAGES AND STILLBIRTHS
HAPPEN A LOT. AND EVEN IF BABIES
ARE BORN, A LOT OF THEM DIE
BECAUSE OF THE POOR
CONDITION.

OH,
HE'S SO CUTE.
I THINK HE HAS
STRONG BONES.



SO, YOU MADE
ME PASS OUT
ON PURPOSE...?

BUT WHY?
AREN'T YOU
NEIGHBORS?



WE'RE THEIR SLAVES.
THEY DON'T TREAT US
AS HUMAN-BEINGS.





THEY EVEN
KILL US TO TRAIN
CHILD SOLDIERS.

AT THIS TIME
EVERY YEAR, SPARTAN
CHILD SOLDIERS START
THEIR HELOTS HUNTING
AS PART OF TRAINING.

IT'S A TEST FOR
TRAINEES. THEY MUST
KILL HELOTS TO PROVE
THEIR BRAVERY.

SO, WE
MUST AVOID
THEM TO
SURVIVE.



IT SEEMS
YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER.
WHAT BROUGHT YOU
HERE?

UH,
WELL...



WHATEVER
YOUR REASON IS,
YOU'D BETTER GO BACK
UNLESS YOU WANT
TO DIE.



BUT I CAN'T.
I HAVE MY OWN
REASON TO...



YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
HOW CRUEL
SPARTANS ARE.



I'LL
TELL YOU
HOW...

PHAT

DON'T
MOVE!!





SACRIFICE
YOUR LIFE
WEEKLY...



BULP







IF YOU
FIGHT WITH HIM,
OTHER SOLDIERS
WILL COME HERE
AND DESTROY
THIS WHOLE
VILLAGE!



...THERE ARE MY
FRIENDS OUTSIDE
SURROUNDING
THIS HOUSE.







JUST ONE
SACRIFICE
WILL BE ENOUGH.
DON'T DO ANYTHING
STUPID.



ONE HELOT'S
LIFE...?











YOU SAID
ONE SACRIFICE
IS ENOUGH?



IF THAT'S
ALL YOU
WANT...









TAKE ME
TO YOUR
KING...

AND
KILL ME
IN FRONT
OF HIM.



